

Access Proposals Fact Sheet

VirginiaShare Health Insurance Program

- Pilot program to provide health insurance premium assistance for low-income working individuals
 - Pilot will last two years
 - The program will be evaluated to determine whether it should be continued, expanded, or ended (after 2 years)
- Low income = 200% of FPL or less
 - 200% of FPL was chosen to match the FAMIS FPL level and to hopefully match the FAMIS MOMs FPL level (assuming the budget amendment goes through this session)
 - Having all programs at 200% of FPL will help with administrative efficiencies and will help enrollment in FAMIS and FAMIS MOMS
- Working individuals = Virginia residents who work at least 30 hours per week
- Small employers = 2 – 50 employees
 - Employers cannot have offered health insurance to their employees for the past 6 months
- Premium assistance = State will pay 1/3 of the cost **up to \$75** per individual for health insurance; the employer and employee each pay 1/3
- Program expected to reach 5,000 individuals
- A board, VirginiaShare Board, will be created with the Secretary of HHR as the Chair. The board will have the following functions:
 - Consists of 11 Virginia residents
 - Determining whether a plan qualifies as a VirginiaShare plan
 - Determining appropriate deductibles and co-pays
 - Deductible and co-pays are not included in legislation
 - Determining annual maximum cap for Virginia Share
 - We are hoping for a \$50,000 cap, but depending on affordability factors it may have to be less
 - Establish and maintain a first come, first serve waiting list

Safety Net Funding

- \$5M each year of the biennium has been included in the budget for the safety net
 - This money will be split among the free clinics, health centers, and VHCF

| Organization | Funding Per Year | Purpose of Funding | % of Operating Costs |
|--------------|------------------|--|----------------------|
| VAFC | \$1.7M | Operating costs | 8.89% |
| VACHA | \$1.8M | Operating costs | 4.60% |
| VHCF | \$1.0M | Underwrite service expansions and/or increase the number of patients served at existing or new sites | N/A |
| | \$0.5M | Increase capacity for dental services for uninsured adults | N/A |

- \$50,000 each year of the biennium for the Virginia Dental Health Foundation Mission of Mercy (MOM) project
 - Each year there are 6 MOM clinics in VA
 - Over 3,000 people receive free dental care yet hundreds are turned away at the end of the clinics
 - The funding will help to purchase dental equipment and supplies
- \$300,000 in 2010 for the Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Detection Program for additional breast and cervical cancer screenings and diagnostics tests
 - Reach an additional 1,000 low-income women ages 18 – 44
 - Some of the funding will be used for outreach to minority and rarely/never screened women between the ages of 18 and 44
- Expand prenatal coverage in FAMIS MOMS from 185% of FPL to 200% of FPL
 - Expansion will cover an additional 400 women per year
 - Expansion will put VirginiaShare, FAMIS, and FAMIS MOMS all at the same FPL level
- Increase the number of designations through two FTE positions with VDH's Office of Minority Health and Public Policy
 - Designations = Federal health professional shortage areas, federal medically underserved areas, and medically underserved populations
 - Use designations to draw down additional federal resources for loan repayment programs for primary health care clinicians, dental health care clinicians, and mental health care clinicians
 - Primary health care clinicians = MD, DO, primary care nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, and primary care physician assistants.
 - Dental health care clinicians = general practice dentists and registered clinical dental hygienists.
 - Mental health care clinicians = psychiatrists, clinical or counseling psychologists, clinical social workers, psychiatric nurse specialists, marriage and family therapists, and licensed professional counselors.
 - Use designations to build federally qualified health centers in the designated areas